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EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT RETAIL ELECTRIC POWER  
EXCHANGE/ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDER LOAD  
OPTIMIZATION EXCHANGE AND NETWORK THEREFOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following amendment:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 3 of this paper.